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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN
EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

Wednesday, March 11th.

He who accustoms himself to buy superfluities, may be obliged, ere long, to sell his necessities.—SIMMONS.

Wearing yellow sashes is a new style with an ominous significance.

Wonder if Terpsichore would smile approvingly upon the tango?

The temptation will be great, but don't plow the land too wet.

In the early spring time a school boy's thoughts lightly turn to balls and bats.

Wouldn't it be a fine thing if the legislature did not convene again in two years?

The members of "thesmart set" are generally about the laziest people in the community.

President Wilson ruled congress with his "big stick", while President Wilson rules with his big heart.

Those Mexicans are sufficiently civilized not to cross the Texas border, unless it be under cover of darkness.

The time for making a crop grows shorter day by day. Better stir early these bracing March mornings.

"Militant Women Fight in Rain."—Headline. It appears that nothing dampens their enthusiasm.

Doesn't Mr. McLaurin make the 13th candidate for governor? Who can answer our question by naming them all?

What has become of the old-time farmer who sent his boy to mill every Saturday astride a mule and a sack of corn?

It is not too late to make this resolution: "During 1914 I will make two ears of corn grow where only one grew before."

It is said that the "Victrola" furnishes music most appropriate for the tango, but should it not rather be associated with the lyre?

By furnishing a judge for the new 13th circuit and a State bank examiner Pickens has suddenly come into the limelight.

We thought Columbia would be the last place to need a "veneering" plant. Probably the output is to be sent down to Charleston.

Better not try to plant too early. Profitable results seldom come from forcing nature. Conditions are not yet favorable for germination.

The report of the committee of investigation will be: "The body of Vergara was exhumed and carried across the Texas border by parties unknown."

The announcement that at least \$100,000 will be spent on the union station in Columbia is pleasing information. There is much need for improvement.

Millinery goods and women's ready-to-wear gowns should be shipped as "perishable freight." A delay of a day or two in transit would cause them to be classed as out-of-style.

The announcement at this juncture that King George approves of boxing is rather significant. Those Englishmen are evidently planning to give the suffragettes some of their own medicine.

March wind is nature's method of pruning trees. Walk out under the oaks and see how many branches have fallen to the ground as a result of the wind. Trees are powerless in themselves to cast off the dead limbs that cumber them.

We wonder if farmers over the State read and appreciate as they should the splendid agricultural page which The State issues at considerable cost twice each week, Tuesday and Friday?

Senator Tillman says people eat too much. If people generally were as economic in their diet as the women are in the cut of their garments, all of this cry about the high cost of living would cease.

While exulting over Mrs. Pankhurst's recent reverses we were struck dumb by the dispatch that the senate of Massachusetts has adopted a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution by a vote of 32 to 2. Isn't that awful?

The moving picture man lost an opportunity when he failed to get a snapshot of the governor of South Carolina the other night as he pulled off his coat and challenged the members of the house for a fisticuff, as school boys used to do.

"Harvard Graduate is Held as Thief."—Headline. As important as a college education is, it is even more important that boys have principles of truth, honor and virtue instilled in them at home. These are the foundation stones and college training the super-structure of a successful life.

Without a word of warning or even stating the reason for his action, the governor closed all of Beaufort's five dispensaries by wire last Thursday. Such summary action is taking undue advantage of the fellows who only purchase half a pint at the time, taking no thought of to-morrow.

Smoking in Senate Prohibited.

Innovations and reforms, like the traditional tortoise, travel slowly but they finally get there, especially when there is merit in them. When Senator Tillman suggested to the senators several years ago that they refrain from smoking during executive sessions, as the smoke was obnoxious to him, they ridiculed the idea. Undismayed by repeated failure to bring about the reform, he kept hammering away until sufficient sentiment was created to enable him a few days ago to pass unanimously a resolution prohibiting smoking in the senate chamber during executive sessions.

Signing Notes a Serious Matter.

A decree of the Court now sitting, the wisdom and justice of which we do not question, shows how serious is the matter of signing a note. Little thought may be given to the transaction at the time the note is given, and yet the pay day is sure to come.

It may develop too before the note matures that the maker did not receive full value in return, yet if the note becomes the possession of a third party, whom the law regards and protects as an innocent holder, it must be paid. Therefore, be slow to sign any note, and before affixing your signature be sure that full value has been (not will be) given in return.

A father should teach his son the seriousness of signing notes, and especially caution him against the danger of endorsing notes. A little fatherly advice and admonition would not infrequently save paying dearly for experience later in life.

Month of Maximum Fire Loss.

Statistics show that more property is destroyed by fire during March than during any other month of the year. This being true, it behooves property owners to use every precaution at this season to prevent fire. All combustible material such as leaves should be removed from roofs and other places where sparks are likely to fall. The danger from fire is greatest at this season for two reasons. First, all material is rendered dryer by the wind and therefore more easily ignited; second, because sparks are blown a greater distance by the wind.

It must be borne in mind also that once a fire gains headway the high winds of March make it impossible to control the flames without adequate water supply and modern fire fighting machinery. Frequently fire can not be confined to the building in which it originated. There are some sections in the town of Edgefield where residences are in such close proximity that with the wind blowing in a certain direction six or eight homes would be destroyed were one to catch fire.

See that ashes are taken up in metal vessels and that all fire is extinguished before they are left about the premises. Burn chimneys out thoroughly in wet weather so as to prevent their catching fire during a dry season when the wind is high. Fires are occurring constantly in the towns and rural districts and who knows but what it will be on your premises next.

Schools and Roads.

Anderson county furnishes an object lesson to the other counties in the state as to the importance and inestimable advantage of good schools and good roads. Taken as a whole, the farming

lands of Anderson county are more valuable and command better prices on the market than any other county in the State, with the possible exception of some of the level lands of the Pee Dee section. Why this great difference in the market value of the farming lands? The character of Anderson's soil is not superior to that of Edgefield. Farmers of this county can grow as many crops and make as large yields as Anderson farmers. Then why do Anderson lands sell readily for two, three and four times as much as Edgefield land? We are constrained to believe that it is due to Anderson's good schools and good roads.

According to a statement recently made by State Superintendent of Education Swearingen, Anderson has the best rural schools in the State, there being 26 graded schools in that county, which in the aggregate receive from the State more than \$6,000. Land located near a good school always sells more readily and at a higher price than that near a weak, ill-supported, short-term school. Improving the rural schools will also tend to keep people on the farms instead of their having to move to town to educate their children.

Another advantage that Anderson county has over many other counties is its excellent roads. Those who have travelled in the Piedmont section state that one can tell as soon as the Anderson line is reached by the splendid condition of the public road. Farming lands are, all things else being equal, generally valued according to the distance from or accessibility to market. When heavy loads can be easily drawn and a satisfactory speed can be made a farmer does not mind living 10, 12 or 15 miles from his market. This distance becomes objectionable when only light loads can be hauled and practically the entire day has to be consumed in going to market.

If we would improve our county, make rural life more attractive and render the land more desirable and consequently more valuable, we must steadily improve the public roads and build up the country schools.

Wanted: A "Black Billy Goat."

William Walton Mims wants a "black billy goat." Will somebody be kind enough to tell us where we can purchase such an animal? We never enter the house even if it is a dozen times a day, without having Walton, who is less than three years of age, ask if we have bought his "black billy goat." We must do one of two things, either find that black billy goat or leave home. Who will come to our rescue?

His First Speech Yielded Results

If the members of the house of representatives were put to the vote as to which of their number made the best speech of the session which has just ended, the palm would probably go to J. P. DeLaughter, member from Edgefield, who delivered his first speech in two years on the floor of the house last Thursday night, in favor of overriding the governor's veto of the appropriation of \$400 to erect a monument over the grave of McKie Meriwether, of Edgefield. After Mr. DeLaughter's speech, the members of the house overrode the governor's veto by a vote of 80 to 4, the largest vote during the session in favor of not sustaining a veto.

In picturesque terms, Mr. DeLaughter painted a word picture of the scene at the Hamburg riot in 1876 in which young McKie Meriwether laid down his life to redeem South Carolina from Radical rule. Mr. DeLaughter told the house that Meriwether snatched a rifle from the hands of his aged father, rushed into the thick of the fighting at Hamburg, and died for his State and white supremacy.

"He was a hero," declared Mr. DeLaughter. "If it were not for him and others of his stripe, democracy and Wade Hampton would not have gained the ascendancy in 1876."

When he finished his stirring maiden speech, Mr. DeLaughter was warmly applauded by the house and the galleries. Members crowded around him to offer their congratulations.

After the veto was overridden, Mr. DeLaughter told the house that, while many things might slip his memory, he would never forget that the governor's veto of the small appropriation of \$400 for a monument over the grave of McKie Meriwether had been set aside by the decisive vote of 80 to 4.—The State.

Notice.

These are to cite and admonish the kindred and creditors of E. M. Bunch, of above County and State, deceased, to file any and all claim or claims against said estate with me, as required by law.

JOHN F. BUNCH,
Administrator.
North Augusta, S. C., Mar. 7, '14.

What Others Say

Leave Him at Home.

The candidate that has nothing but abuse of the negro to commend him to the people should be left at home.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

No Blood Shed.

One of the most remarkable features of the session of the General Assembly, which closed last night was that nobody was seriously hurt.—Abbeville Medium.

Possess Great Wealth.

A Washington woman in a suit values her husband's love at \$250,000. You women who have the love of your husband thus have an idea of how well off you are.—Greenville Piedmont.

Few Unemployed.

One year of the Democratic administration has passed, and the only smokeless factory chimneys are those where electricity is used and there is no smoke to emit.—Greenville News.

A Belligerent Body.

And then if this thing keeps up the life insurance companies may have a provision in your policy invalidating it if you become a member of the South Carolina legislature.—Greenville Piedmont.

Should Master Ourselves.

Life is largely what we make it. To be sure we are influenced by others, but they influence us only as we let them. We ought to be masters of ourselves.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Would Benefit Poor Children.

If a majority of the white people of South Carolina are opposed to a medical school inspection law, then a majority of the white people of South Carolina are opposed to protecting the health of the poor man's child.—The State.

Has Made Good.

The country has had one year of Woodrow Wilson and is able now to take the measure of the man. The deliberate judgment of the most thoughtful and patriotic is that the country has never had a better man at the helm than it has now.—Newberry Observer.

Won't Play Fair Game.

New York woman who sued a rich Brazilian for \$500,000,000 for damages for breach of promise marries the man when he is sick in bed with gripe. These feminists won't play the game square. All the rules stipulate that you must not hit a man when he is down.—The State.

Smile Provokers

Mrs. Whittier—What delightful manners your daughter has!

Mrs. Biler (proudly)—Yes. You see she has been away from home so much.—The Smart Set.

"I have eggs as cheap as 30 cents a'eam, but I wouldn't guarantee 'em."

"Well, send me a dozen please. They'll do to lend to the neighbors."

He had been calling for some time and she thought she would give him a gentle hint. "It is not good for man to live alone," she said. "That's why we have clubs," he responded calmly.

"It's hard, said the sentimental landlady at the dinner table, to think that this poor little lamb should be destroyed in its youth just to cater to our appetites."

Yes, replied the smart boarder, struggling with his portion, "it is tough."—Baltimore News.

After he had kissed her and pressed her rosy cheek against his and patted her soft, round chin, she drew back and asked:

"George, do you shave yourself?"

"Yes, he replied."

"I thought so, she said, your face is the roughest I ever—"

Then she stopped; but it was too late, and he went away with a cold heavy lump in his breast.—New York World.

In America, Georgia, there is an old man who has quite a record for marrying. Four wives have died on him and he has married the fifth. After the fifth wedding a neighbor met the old man's son and said:

"Well, John, I hear your father has married again."

"Yes, sir, said the boy, every time the Lord takes one the old man takes another."—Ex.

"You insist that the officer arrested you while you were quietly attending to your own business?"

"Yes, your honor. He caught me suddenly by the collar and threatened to strike me with his club unless I accompanied him to the station house."

"You say you were quietly attending to your own business, making no noise or commotion of any kind?"

"Yes, your honor."

"What is your business?"

"I'm a burglar."

New Spring Goods

We invite the ladies to call and see the many new Spring arrivals at our store. We are showing all of the latest weaves and colors in dress goods, in Ratine, Crepe Bulgare Silk Striped Rice Cloth, White Crepe, Ratine Corduroy Crepe in all colors. Silks all colors 36 inches at 50cts. worth \$1.00. Nainsook 12 to 25cts. longcloth 10 to 25cts. Flaxon 12 to 25cts. White Lawn 6 1-4 to 25cts. Tango at 25cts. Laces in many desirable patterns from 5c. per yard to 50cts. We have the 10th, quality and price to suit your wants. Embroidery in all width and designs to suit all purposes.

We have a large stock of ladies' underwear and also ready-to-wear dresses at from \$1.00 to \$1.50. Some special bargains in children's dresses.

Stylish Oxfords

We invite all to see our large stock of stylish oxfords in all of the late styles heel, toe and leathers. Children's oxfords in white, tan and black. Large stock of men's and boys' oxfords in black and tan. Before making your early spring purchases come in to see us. We can satisfy you in quality and styles and have right prices.

J. W. Peak.

Edisto High Grade Guano

FOR SALE BY

L. T. May, EDGEFIELD, S. C.

A Good Drug Store

IT TAKES more than a stock of drugs and good intentions to make a good drug store. It requires an intimate knowledge of weighing, measuring and mixing, which comes only after careful study and experience. Your prescriptions will be properly filled at our store. We have every modern facility and—we know how.

Penn & Holstein

Agents for *Mumma's* Fine Candies

Baldwin High Grade Guano

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W.W. Adams & Company

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

Phone Your Orders



It is not necessary for you to come to our store to buy. Just call up on the phone and we will take your order and deliver it promptly, and you will find both quality and quantity just as good as if you had personally selected the goods. We are anxious to have you as a customer and are sure we will hold you as such after the first purchase.

L. T. MAY

Edgefield, South Carolina.